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Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" May I know whether Medical graduates are generally unwilling to settle down as rural practitioners ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" Government are not aware of any such unwillingness, but there are medical practitioners in rural areas also."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know from the hon. Minister whether he is prepared to consider the question of instructing the taluk boards to pay all travelling allowances to these medical practitioners wherever they are transferred in the manner indicated in the questions and answers ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" There is no question of transfer at all contemplated. In one case, we understand that one man was transferred by the taluk board and we have asked the taluk board why he was transferred."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know if the hon. Minister has got any information that a number of such rural practitioners are transferred in the taluk board area of the Kurnool district ? "

The hon. the President :—" The question was answered. Government's knowledge relates only to one case."

Appointment of licensed Indian medical graduates to rural dispensaries.

* 1740 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state, with reference to question No. 635 answered on 26th November 1928,—

(a) whether the Government now propose to remove the restrictions placed on the appointment of licensed Indian medical graduates for rural dispensaries by local boards ; and

(b) if not, why not ?

A.—(a) & (b) Orders are under issue permitting local boards to appoint L.I.Ms. in rural dispensaries.

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—" May I know what allowances will be granted to L.I.Ms.? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" As L.M.Ps."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—" May I know which of the local boards have applied to Government for the removal of these restrictions ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" I do not exactly remember what all local boards have applied. We are issuing orders generally."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—" May I know if any of the local boards applied for the removal of the restrictions on persons who have got diploma from the School of Indian Medicine in the subject of Unani ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" L.I.Ms. include persons who have taken school course both in Unani, Ayurveda and Siddha. It will apply to all."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—" May I know whether it is proposed to remove the restrictions. . . . "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" That is what we intend doing and orders are being issued to that effect."

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Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"Regarding the removal of restrictions it is stated that local boards will be permitted to appoint L.I.Ms. in rural dispensaries. May I know whether the licensed Indian medical graduates will be placed on the same footing as L.M.Ps."

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—"That is what I have already stated. But these are not graduates."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—"May I know whether Government are aware that all the students who passed out of the School of Indian Medicine in the Department of Unani, who number 50 to 60, are without employment?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—"The Government have no information."

Closure of the rural dispensary at Manavalanallur, Tanjore district.

* 1741 Q.—Dr. B. S. Mallayya: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was an Ayurvedic dispensary at Manavalanallur;

(*b*) whether the same has been shifted to a new place;

(*c*) whether a new rural dispensary was opened under Dr. S. Muthukumaraswami Pillai, a medical practitioner;

(*d*) whether the District Medical Officer of Tanjore recommended the opening of this dispensary;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that it has been closed down from 1st February 1929;

(*f*) if so, under whose orders;

(*g*) whether the public of the locality protested against this sudden closure; and

(*h*) whether the Government will be pleased to order the re-opening of the same?

A.—(*a*) to (*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Vishnupuram was first recommended by the District Medical Officer, but the Board opened the dispensary at Manavalanallur. On reconsideration, the District Medical Officer accepted the latter place.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) The Board had opened the dispensary without the previous approval of the Government—which it should *not* have done—and thus placed itself under the necessity of closing it when that approval was not given.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) The matter will be considered again.

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—"If the closing of the dispensary is due to the Board not having obtained the permission of Government and if the Government desire that it should be there, why should they stand in the way of opening the dispensary there. Why should the Government interfere with the dispensary which is useful to the public. . . . ?"

The hon. the President :—"The question is not admissible."